

**Minutes
Fenwick Island Environment Committee
June 8, 2010**

Approved 8/10/10

Attendance: Present - *Vicki Carmean, John Fenton, Susan Klein, Harry Haon, John Belian, Mary Pat Kyle, Buzz Henifin, Agnes DePietrantonio, Mary Ellen Langan.*

10:30 AM Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of May meeting were approved (John Belian motioned and all approved).

1. Open Space Grant

Vicki Carmean described the terms of a new tree grant that could be awarded to Fenwick Island from the State Forestry Department to use on the Cannon Street property that will soon be purchased with Federal and State Open Space money. If the Environmental Committees agrees to take on this project and the Town Council approves, Agnes will complete the application and submit the proposal. Discussion centered on using this land primarily for recreation. At this point, the Cannon Street park would most likely contain a parking area, a kayak launch, a picnic spot and, possibly a basketball court. It is probable that the space used for the present basketball court will be converted into a building for the police department. Terms of the Open Space Grant prevent Fenwick Island from using any of this land for town buildings. The value of the Open Space Grant has not been disclosed up to this time. A diagram of the land in question is attached to these minutes.

2. Tree grant

An application is currently being prepared for State Forestry grant money to purchase trees for land acquired through the above Open Space grant. Vicki proposes purchase and planting of trees for the following purposes:

- separating this lot from the adjacent home
- trees for a rain garden
- trees to delineate a picnic area within the lot

Vicki suggests applying for \$2000 in a matching grant. Harry Haon believes that that amount is not adequate and he recommends asking for up to \$5,000.

Mary Pat Kyle raised the question of parking within this lot and whether such parking might violate a zoning ordinance.

Motion (Buzz Henifin) was made and seconded (Mary Pat Kyle) to have Vicki Carmean and Mary Ellen Langan work with Agnes in drafting the tree landscaping plan. All approved.

Second Motion (Buzz) made and seconded (Harry Haon) to have this plan submitted for Council approval. All approved.

3. Water testing

It was proposed at the last meeting to increase the amount of water testing in order to make the citizenry more aware of its importance.

Buzz speculated that the University of Delaware may not want an increase in the number of tests nor in the number of testers. Their opinion should be solicited before any decisions are made by us in regard to recommending more testing.

MP Kyle stated that results must be disseminated together with explanations if our goal is to increase public awareness.

Buzz provided a brief overview of some salient aspects of the testing procedure.

—results of testing are available on the internet. The location of the specific website will be revealed by Buzz in the future.

Buzz tests for visibility, bacterial count, and oxygen. These are all adequate, i.e. they meet accepted standards. Visibility is presently greater than one meter, which is very good although not as high as last year.

Vicki proposed that Buzz demo his testing method at a future meeting. She also recommends that test results be graphed and posted in the town hall. These suggestions were positively greeted although a formal motion was not made.

4. Other news

- There will be a meeting to update the oyster farming program at 6 PM at CIB on Thursday, June 10.
- Dr. Nancy Targett of the University of Delaware will speak on Wind Power. The time is 7 PM, June 17 at the U. Del, 700 Pilottown Rd, Lewes.
If planning to attend, please reserve by calling 645-4346.
- On behalf of the EC, Buzz submitted an application to adopt a highway. If the application is accepted, a segment of local highway would become the responsibility of the Town's Environment Committee for maintenance. It was suggested that this committee try to adopt a road area near the town itself.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 10:30 AM.

5. Adjournment 11:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,
John Fenton, EC Member